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Programming Coordinating Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
DuPage County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park - CMAP Board), Jack Darin (Sierra Club – Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Joe Deal (City of Chicago – CMAP Board), Beth Dever (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus - Housing Committee), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development - Economic and Community Development Committee), Russell Hartigan (Lyons Township - CMAP Board), Marilyn Micheline (Montgomery – CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project - CMAP Board), Steve Schlickman (Regional Transportation Authority – CMAP Board), Dan Shea (McHenry County - CMAP Board), Chris Snyder (DuPage County – Transportation Committee), Tammy Wierciak (West Central Municipal Conference- Human Services Committee)

Members Absent: Mark Avery (DuPage County – Land Use Committee), Nigel Telman (Sidley-Austin, LLP - CMAP Board)

Others Present: Pat Carey (City of Chicago), Lenny Cannata (West Central Municipal Conference), Paul Heltne (Center for Humans and Nature), Catherine Kannenberg (Metra), Mike Walczak (NWMC),

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Ylda Capriccioso, Jill Leary, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Joe Deal.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements. Summaries of the latest activities of the six CMAP working committees were distributed.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Hartigan to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2009 Programming Coordinating Committee meeting as presented was seconded by Mr. Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Update

Mr. Murtha presented the draft Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan – 2009 Update explaining that the plan was the result of an extensive process involving multiple committees and extensive community input. He further reported that the plan included a map of the proposed trails element and greenways element and requested a recommendation for approval by the CMAP Board. Mr. Schlickman raised concerns about the plan's lack of consideration for future transit use of trail corridors. Following discussion of this issue, the Programming Coordinating Committee recommended that prior to CMAP Board approval language be added to allow for additional or alternative future transportation uses of designated trail corridors.

Ms. Micheleni made a motion approving the plan contingent on the additional language. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

Ms. Ostdick presented the proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010-2011 CMAQ Program reporting that about \$800 million was requested with about \$20 million available in 2010 and about \$74 million available in 2011. Ms. Ostdick briefly reviewed the proposed program and the public comments and draft responses, then highlighted the active program management efforts currently underway with approval by the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. She emphasized that at the end of the current federal transportation authorization (SAFETEA-LU), some funds may be taken back by USDOT as written into the bill when adopted. The region needs the improvements programmed through CMAQ funds but implementation has not occurred at the hoped for rate. The recently adopted programming policies require projects in the current year to obligate funds by the end of the federal fiscal year. If the project does not obligate the funds, there is provision for one change of schedule (moving to a later federal fiscal year) and if the project is still not obligated within that year it will be considered for withdrawal from the CMAQ Program. Overall concerns of the committee are the readability of the proposed program and general understanding. Ms. Ostdick committed to developing an explanatory cover memo for the next round.

6.0 FFY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Regional Transportation Plan/TIP Conformity Analysis

Ms. Ostdick gave an overview of the RTP/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment, reporting that an amendment to the FFY2007-2012 TIP and the associated conformity determination had been released for public comment and that no comments were received. The committee complimented Holly on the explanatory cover memo.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Committee.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next Programming Coordinating Committee was scheduled for October 14, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hartigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Darin seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Berry
Principal Planner, Staff Liaison

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 14, 2009.